Amendments to the Claims:

The following claims will replace all prior versions of the claims in this application (in the unlikely event that no claims follow herein, the previously pending claims will remain):

1. (Original) An agrochemical composition which includes an agrochemically active compound and a compound of the formula (I):

$$R^1 - (R^2)X^1 - [Link] - R^3 \qquad (I)$$

where

R^1 is polyhydroxy hydrocarbyl;

R^2 is H or hydrocarbyl, or is a group as defined for R^1;

X^1 is N; $N^+->O^-$; N^+R^{4-} where: R^{4-} is C_1 to C_6 hydrocarbyl carrying an anionic substituent, particularly $-CH_2 - COO^-$; or $N+R^5An^-$ where: R^5 is a C_1 to C_{20} hydrocarbyl; and An^- is a charge balancing anion;

Link is a linking group of the formula: $-CH_2 - CHOH - X^2-$

where X^2 is

a direct bond; $-CH_2 - O-$; $-CH_2 -N(R^6)-$; $-CH_2 - (OA)_p- O-$; or $CH_2 - (OA)_p-N(R^7)$;

where

OA is an oxyalkylene residue;

p is from 1 to 100;

R^6 is H; C_2 to C_8 hydrocarbyl; or a group $R^1 - (R^2)X^1 - CH_2 - CHOH - CH_2-$ where R^1, R^2 and X^1 are as defined above; and

R^7 is H; C_1 to C_8 hydrocarbyl; or a group $R^1 - (R^2)X^1 - CH_2 - CHOH - CH_2 - (OA)_p-$ where R^1, R^2, X^1, OA and p are as defined above; and

R^3 is hydrocarbyl

2. (Original) A composition as claimed in claim 1, wherein R^1 is a polyhydroxy alkyl group having a linear C_4 to C_7 chain and at least three hydroxyl groups directly bonded to chain carbon atoms.

3. (Original) A composition as claimed in claim 2, wherein R^1 is a group of the formula: $-CH_2 - (CHOH)_4 - CH_2OH$.

4. (Currently amended) A composition as claimed in claim 1, wherein R^2 is an alkyl, hydroxyalkyl or alkoxyalkyl group, R^5 is an alkyl, hydroxyalkyl, alkoxyalkyl or aralkyl, An^- is ~~and~~ an alkali metal or ammonium ion, R^6 and R^7 are each independently alkyl or alkenyl groups and R^3 is a C_{10} to C_{30} alkyl, alkenyl, alkaryl, aryl or aralkyl group.

5. (Currently amended) A composition as claimed in claim 1, wherein the oxyalkylene group(s) OA is (are) oxyethylene, ~~oxyproylene~~ oxypropylene or mixtures of oxyethylene and oxypropylene groups and p is from 1 to 50.

6. (Original) A composition as claimed in claim 1, wherein Link is a group of one of the formulae: $-CH_2 - CHOH - CH_2 - O-$; $-CH_2 - CHOH - CH_2 - (OA)_p-O-$; $-CH_2 - CHOH - CH_2 - N(R^6)-$; or $-CH_2 - CHOH - CH_2 - (OA)_p-N(R^7)-$; where OA, p, R^6 and R^7 are as defined in claim 1.

7. (Currently amended) A composition as claimed in claim 1, wherein the agrochemically active compound comprises ~~is~~ one or more plant growth regulators, herbicides, and/or pesticides~~, for example insecticides, fungicides, acaricides, nematocides, miticides, rodenticides, bactericides, molluscicides and/or bird repellants~~.

8. (Currently amended) A composition as claimed in claim 7, wherein the agrochemically active compound comprises ~~is or includes~~ at least one water soluble herbicide.

9. (Currently amended) A composition as claimed in claim 8, wherein the water soluble herbicide comprises ~~is or includes~~ at least one phosphonomethyl glycine, ~~particularly~~

~~Glyphosate and/or Sulfosate; at least one~~ phosphinyl amino acid, ~~particularly Glufosinate~~; and/or ~~at least on~~ a bipyridinium compound~~, particularly Paraquat~~.

10. (Currently amended) A compound of the general formula (IIa): $R^1 - (R^2)X^1 - [Link^1] - R^3$ where ~~R^1, R^2 and R^3 are as defined in claim 1~~

R^1 is polyhydroxy hydrocarbyl;

R^2 is H or hydrocarbyl, or is a group as defined for R^1;

R^3 is hydrocarbyl;

and $Link^1$ is a linking group of one of the formulae: $-CH_2 - CHOH - CH_2 - (OA)_p-O-$; $-CH_2 - CHOH - CH_2 - N(R^6)-$; or $-CH_2 - CHOH - CH_2-- (OA)_p - N(R^7)-$; where ~~OA, p, R^6 and R^7 are as defined for formula (I) in claim 1.~~

OA is an oxyalkylene residue;

p is from 1 to 100;

R^6 is H; C_2 to C_8 hydrocarbyl; or a group $R^1 - (R^2)X^1 - CH_2 - CHOH - CH_2-$ where R^1, R^2 and X^1 are as defined above; and

R^7 is H; C_1 to C_8 hydrocarbyl; or a group $R^1 - (R^2)X^1 - CH_2 - CHOH - CH_2 - (OA)_p-$ where R^1, R^2, X^1, OA and p are as defined above.

11. (Currently amended) A compound of the general formula (IIb): $R^1 - (R^2)X^{1a} - [Link^2] - R^3$ where ~~R^1, R^2, and R^3 are as defined above for formula (I);~~

R^1 is polyhydroxy hydrocarbyl;

R^2 is H or hydrocarbyl, or is a group as defined for R^1;

R^3 is hydrocarbyl;

X^{1a} is $N^+->O^-$, N^+R^{4-} or R^5An^- where: ~~R^{4-}, R^5 and An^- are as defined above for formula (I);~~

R^{4-} is C_1 to C_6 hydrocarbyl carrying an anionic substituent, particularly $-CH_2 - COO^-$; or $N+R^5An^-$ where:

R^5 is a C_1 to C_{20} hydrocarbyl; and

An^- is a charge balancing anion;

and $Link^2$ is a linking group of one of the formulae: $-CH_2 - CHOH - CH_2 - O-$; $-CH_2 - CHOH - CH_2 - (OA)_p-O-$; $-CH_2 - CHOH - CH_2 - N(R^6)-$; or $-CH_2 - CHOH - CH_2 - (OA)_p-N(R^7)-$; where ~~OA, p, R^6 and R^7 are as defined above for formula (I).~~

OA is an oxyalkylene residue;

p is from 1 to 100;

R^6 is H; C_2 to C_8 hydrocarbyl; or a group $R^1 - (R^2)X^1 - CH_2 - CHOH - CH_2-$ where R^1, R^2 and X^1 are as defined above; and

R^7 is H; C_1 to C_8 hydrocarbyl; or a group $R^1 - (R^2)X^1 - CH_2 - CHOH - CH_2 - (OA)_p-$ where R^1, R^2, X^1, OA and p are as defined above.

12. (Original) A method of treating vegetation by applying to plants and/or soil a composition as claimed in claim 1.

13. (Currently amended) A method of killing or inhibiting vegetation comprising ~~by~~ applying the agrochemical composition of ~~a formulation as claimed in~~ claim 1, wherein said agrochemically active compound comprises at least one growth regulator and/or herbicide ~~which includes one or more growth regulators and/or herbicides and at least one compound of the general formula (I) as defined in any one of claims 1 to 6 as an adjuvant~~.

14. (Currently amended) A method of killing ~~or~~ plant pests comprising ~~by~~ applying the agrochemical composition of ~~a formulation as claimed in~~ claim 1, wherein said agrochemically active compound comprises at least one ~~which includes one or more~~ pesticide~~s, for example insecticides, fungicides or acaricides, and at least one compound of the general formula (I) as defined in any one of claims 1 to 6 as an adjuvant~~.

15. (New) A compound of the formula (IIIe):

$$R^1 - (R^2) -N- CH_2 - CHOH - CH_2 - (OA)_p- O - R^3 \qquad \text{(IIIe)}$$

where

R^1 is polyhydroxy hydrocarbyl;

R^2 is H or hydrocarbyl, or is a group as defined for R^1;

OA is an oxyalkylene residue;

p is from 1 to 100; and

R^3 is C_6 to C_{30} hydrocarbyl.

16. (New) The compound of claim 15 wherein:

R^1 is a polyhydroxy alkyl group having a linear C_4 to C_7 chain and at least three hydroxyl groups directly bonded to chain carbon atoms; or

R^2 is an alkyl, hydroxyalkyl or alkoxyalkyl group, and R^3 is a C_{10} to C_{30} alkyl, alkenyl, alkaryl, aryl or aralkyl group; or

OA is(are) oxyethylene, oxypropylene or mixtures of oxyethylene and oxypropylene groups; or

p is from 1 to 50.

17. (New) The Compound of claim 16 wherein R^1 is a group of the formula: $- CH_2 - (CHOH)_4 - CH_2OH$.

18. (New) An agrochemical composition which includes an agrochemically active compound and a compound of the formula (IIIe):

$$R^1 - (R^2) -N- CH_2 - CHOH - CH_2 - (OA)_p- O - R^3 \quad \text{(IIIe)}$$

where

R^1 is polyhydroxy hydrocarbyl;

R^2 is H or hydrocarbyl, or is a group as defined for R^1;

OA is an oxyalkylene residue;

p is from 1 to 100; and

R^3 is C_6 to C_{30} hydrocarbyl.

19. (New) The agrochemical composition of claim 18 wherein:

R^1 is a polyhydroxy alkyl group having a linear C_4 to C_7 chain and at least three hydroxyl groups directly bonded to chain carbon atoms; or

R^2 is an alkyl, hydroxyalkyl or alkoxyalkyl group, and R^3 is a C_{10} to C_{30} alkyl, alkenyl, alkaryl, aryl or aralkyl group or

OA is(are) oxyethylene, oxypropylene or mixtures of oxyethylene and oxypropylene groups; or

p is from 1 to 50.

20. (New) The agrochemical composition of claim 19 wherein R^1 is a group of the formula: - CH_2 - $(CHOH)_4$ - CH_2OH.

21. (New) The agrochemical composition of claim 18 wherein the agrochemically active compound is one or more plant growth regulators, herbicides, and/or pesticides.

22. (New) The agrochemical composition of claim 21 wherein the agrochemically active compound is or includes at least one water soluble herbicide.

23. (New) The agrochemical composition of claim 22 wherein the water soluble herbicide comprises at least one phosphonomethyl glycine, phosphinyl amino acid, and/or bipyridinium compound.

24. (New) A method of treating vegetation by applying to plants and/or soil the agrochemical composition of claim 18.

25. (New) The agrochemical composition of claim 18 wherein said agrochemically active compound includes one or more growth regulators and/or herbicides.

26. (New) A method of killing or inhibiting vegetation by applying the agrochemical composition of claim 25.

27. (New) The agrochemical composition of claim 18 wherein said agrochemically active compound includes at least one pesticide selected from insecticides, fungicides, acaricides, nematocides, miticides, rodenticides, bactericides, molluscicides or bird repellants.

28. (New) A method of killing plant pests by applying the agrochemical composition of claim 27 to a plant.

29. (New) The composition of claim 9 wherein said herbicide is selected from Glyphosate, Sulfosate, Glufosinate or Paraquat.